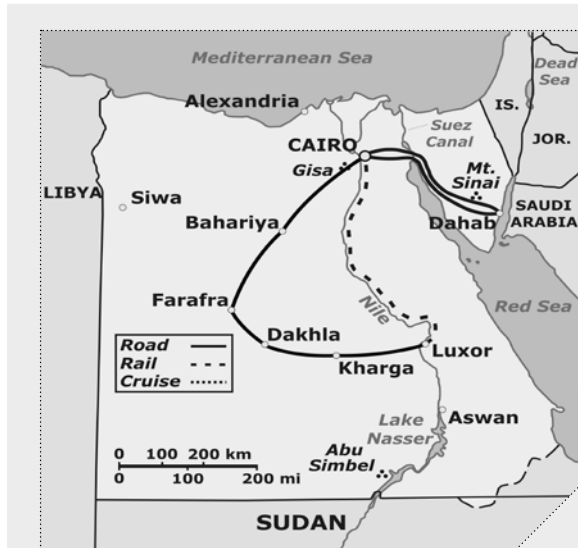


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Featuring a desert jeep safari and camp, and a looping drive through the Oases of Bahariya, Farafra, Dakhla and Kharga, this tour gets away from the main tourist trail and right out into the barren and beautiful Egyptian Western desert. In Luxor, we visit the main sites on both banks of the Nile before returning to Cairo and then heading into the Sinai desert where we spend a few days relaxing by the blue waters of the Red Sea at Dahab.



FLIGHT BOOKINGS AVAILABLE
See page 6 for details

Regular small-group departures run all year round. Call or check the website for dates and prices. Private and tailor-made options are also available on request.

Please refer to page 4 or website for details.

FLIGHTS INCLUDED:* ✗	LOCAL PAYMENT: ✗	ENTRANCE FEES: ✗	AIRPORT TRANSFERS: ✓
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TOUR FACTS	
Tour Code & Class:	MAEGDB / Economy
Group Size & Age:	Min. - 3 Max. - 18 / Min. age - 12
Activity - Multi:	Sightseeing, desert, desert jeep safari, snorkelling, camel ride
Activity Level:	Low
Accommodation:	9 nights in hotels (approx. 3-star), 3 nights in 1-2-star hotels, 1 night desert camp, 1 overnight train
Transport:	1st class train, A/C bus/minibus, 4x4 jeep
Meals:	9 Breakfasts (B), 3 Lunches (L) and 4 Dinners (D)

YOUR 15 DAY TOUR ITINERARY	
Day 1:	Arrive in Cairo. Transfer from airport to hotel.
Day 2:	Cairo - Pyramids, Sphinx & Saqqara tour.
Day 3:	Cairo - Drive to Bahariya oasis, free time.
Day 4:	Bahariya oasis tour. White desert jeep safari. Bedouin camp.
Day 5:	Finish desert safari in Farafra oasis. Drive to Dakhla oasis.
Day 6:	Drive to Kharga oasis & tour.
Day 7:	Drive to Luxor. East bank tour.
Day 8:	Luxor - (hot air balloon option) West bank tour. Overnight train to Cairo.
Day 9:	Cairo - Free day (optional Alexandria day trip).
Day 10:	Coach to Dahab. Free time.
Day 11:	Dahab - Snorkelling at the Blue Hole. Sunset camel ride.
Day 12-13:	Dahab - Free day.
Day 14:	Dahab - Free morning. coach to Cairo.
Day 15:	Cairo - Free time. Transfer to airport for departure.

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DETAILED ITINERARY

DAY 1 / ARRIVE IN CAIRO

You arrive at Cairo airport where we greet and transfer you to your 3-star hotel. Our Egypt Uncovered rep. welcomes you, helps you settle into the hotel, and outlines the plan for the next few days.

Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo.

DAY 2 / CAIRO. PYRAMIDS & SPHINX TOUR

After breakfast we have a short pre-tour briefing before we take you on a tour of Giza and Saqqara. Giza was built around 4600 years ago as a necropolis (cemetery) for the pharaoh Khufu (Cheops). The successor of Sneferu, Khufu was known as a tyrant and in his arrogance decided to have built a tomb that was bigger and better than all others. Standing 500 feet high and 750 feet at its base the Pyramid of Khufu is an awesome man-made structure constructed of giant blocks of stone covered in a hard limestone casing. The casing has, over the years, been stripped away to leave exposed the inner block structure. Together with the smaller pyramids of Khafre (Chephren) and Menkaure (Mycerinus), the majestic sight of these enormous structures rising out of the desert is a breathtaking spectacle. Here you have the chance to climb inside one of the pyramids (there are a limited number of tickets available, so we cannot guarantee this), and also to take a camel ride (approx. £2-5 p/p for around 30mins). Close by, the mysterious Sphinx stands guard, as it has done so for thousands of years. You have another guided tour around the sphinx and some free time to walk around and take photos.

From here we take you to Saqqara, which lies 25km to the south of Cairo. Djoser's (Zoser's) Step Pyramid (built 4700 years ago) dominates the skyline and is believed to have been the ancient Egyptians' first attempt at Pyramid building. The entire 7km stretch of desert at Saqqara is a treasure trove of pyramids, temples and tombs, which we will have plenty of time to explore, while we learn

about the history of pyramid building in Egypt.

For this, and all of your sightseeing tours, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide will accompany you.

From here we head back to the hotel where you will have a free evening and a chance to try one of the city's many excellent restaurants.

Overnight at 3-star hotel in Cairo.

DAY 3 / DRIVE TO BAHARYA OASIS

After breakfast, we checkout of our hotel and then drive to the Baharya Oasis (private AC car or minibus – approx. 4 hours).

Situated in a depression covering some 2000 sq km Baharya is divided between 4 villages, the largest of which is Bawiti. Famous for its dates, wine and hot springs it is a peaceful and picturesque setting amid the harsh, barren landscape of the desert. Here we stay in a basic but comfortable hotel. Depending on the time of arrival, we will either arrange a tour of the Oasis this afternoon, or tomorrow morning. This will include a visit to the English House, which is the ruined remains of a WW1 fort perched atop a nearby hill, some Greek & Roman tombs, a mummy museum, and The Black Mountain.

In the evening we have the chance to take a dip in one of the nearby hot springs.

Overnight at Safari camp in Baharya (B D).

DAY 4 / WHITE DESERT, JEEP SAFARI

After breakfast you have a little free time, or, if we didn't do the Oasis tour yesterday, we'll arrange it this morning. We then take a tour into the Black Desert using 4X4 jeeps. After lunch in a small village, we head into the White Desert. The White Desert is named after its white mica ground cover, and white rocks, shaped into curious toadstool, castles, and pillar like formations.

On the way we stop to visit huge golden sand dunes and the

Crystal Mountain, a rocky outcrop consisting of quartz crystals that lie strewn across the sand. At the foot of the hill a natural rock arch stands defying gravity. From here we head to our campsite in the White Desert and along the way collect wood for the campfire.

Our guide will prepare our meal and then you can relax, reflect on the stunning desert scenery you've seen today, and appreciate the silence and bright starry night sky that can only be found in such a vast uninhabited place.

Overnight in White Desert (B L D).

DAY 5 / FINISH SAFARI. FARAFRA & DAKHLA OASES

We break camp this morning, and continue in the jeeps to the oasis at Farafra, where we take a short tour of the oasis and break for lunch. This is the smallest and most peaceful of the Western Desert oases, and many of the inhabitants are Bedouins who adhere to some of their ancient traditions. You'll see small mud-brick houses in the old area of town, many painted with verses of the Koran and paintings depicting their journeys to Mecca, and can stop to see the see the sand paintings, and sculptures of the world famous local artist, Badr Abd El Moghny.

From Farafra we leave the jeeps and drive on a good road to Dakhla Oasis, where we do a short tour including stops at Mut, Al Qasr, and Deir al Haggar. before checking into our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Dhakla (B L D).

DAY 6 / KHARGA OASIS

We leave early this morning to drive to Kharga Oasis, visiting the ruins at Qasr al Labeka en-route. We do a short tour in Kharga, which includes visiting some of the tombs in the Necropolis. We will also visit the Temple of Hibis when restoration works there are completed. Kharga is a medium sized town, rather than a small oasis village, and we have the afternoon free here to relax and explore.

Overnight at hotel in Kharga (B L D).

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DAY 7 / DRIVE TO LUXOR. EAST BANK TOUR

The drive to Luxor normally takes around 4 hours (very occasionally the military close this road, and we need to take a longer 11-12 hour drive via Assiut). There are several checkpoints en-route, and we leave the jeeps and transfer to one of our tourist minibuses around 40km before Luxor, for the last leg of the journey.

The town of Luxor is built on and around the ancient site of Thebes, and boasts the largest concentration of ancient ruins in the Nile Valley. To the West of the Nile lies the City of the Dead, with its mortuary temples and rock-hewn tombs, whilst to the east lie Karnak & Luxor temples.

This afternoon we take a tour of the East Bank, visiting the Temples of Karnak and Luxor. The great Temple of Amun at Karnak was once the religious centre of Thebes and Upper Egypt. It was linked to Luxor by an extensive avenue, lined with sphinxes, and the whole complex was in turn linked to the Nile via a canal through which moved the sacred boats of the god Amun. Entering through a smaller sphinx-lined avenue, built by Ramesses II, you come to the immense pylon entrance. Inside the huge Courtyard are three chapels dedicated to the gods Amun, Mut and Khous. The remarkable Hypostyle Hall has 134 towering columns, each carved with scenes of gods and pharaohs, and hieroglyphic inscriptions adorn the walls.

Lying 3 km to the south of Karnak in the centre of town, the Temple of Luxor was built by Amenophis III and later enlarged by Ramses II. The partially damaged statues inside all represent Ramses II, and it was he who built the colonnaded forecourt. The Colonnade and Court of Amenophis III are perhaps the most striking parts of the temple.

Overnight at hotel in Luxor (B).

DAY 8 / LUXOR, WEST BANK TOUR

After a very early breakfast, we take a tour to the West Bank of the Nile, starting with the Valley of the Kings. A hot air balloon flight is available this morning over the west bank if you wish.

In the Valley of the Kings, you will see several of the elaborately painted underground tombs in which the Pharaohs were buried. Your guide will choose the best tombs open during your visit (the main entry ticket covers 3 tombs - extra visits are also available to the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses V & VI). Next we take you to visit the unique three-tiered Mortuary Temple of Queen Hatchepsut. Dedicated to the God Amun this temple complex framed by towering cliffs is a wondrous sight. We then visit Medinat Habu, a temple of Ramses III, which is not on most tourist itineraries, but has some of the very deepest carved hieroglyphs, and the best preserved coloured wall paintings, really giving you an idea of how these Egyptian temples looked in their prime. Finally you will stop to see the Colossi of Memnon, two huge 50 feet high statues of King Amenhotep II, before returning to Luxor for lunch. In the evening, we transfer to the overnight train back to Cairo (approx. 21.00-06.45, reclining seats, sleeper upgrade available).

Overnight on train to Cairo (B).

DAY 8 EXTRA OPTIONS

Hot air balloon option

Sleeper train upgrade option

See pages 4-6 for details

DAY 9 / CAIRO, FREE DAY

We arrive in Cairo, and check in at our hotel (you may need to wait a short while before your rooms are available). The day is free for some extra sightseeing and shopping. Alternatively you have the option of a day trip to Alexandria or to Wadi Rayan and the Valley of the Whales.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo (B).

DAY 9 EXTRA OPTIONS

Alexandria day trip option

Wadi Rayan & Valley of the Whales day trip option

See pages 4-6 for details

DAY 10 / DRIVE TO DAHAB, FREE TIME

We leave Cairo early this morning for the drive to Dahab (approx. 7-8 hours by public tourist coach). The afternoon is free to relax by the hotel pool or to find a beach, and enjoy the unique feel of this friendly village. We spend the next 4 days here, and while some activities and excursions are included, there is plenty of free time for you to relax, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a diving course (Dahab has some of the finest coral reefs in Egypt). The word Dahab in Arabic means gold and refers to the fine yellow sand that colours the beaches either side of the main bay. The Bedouin village of Assalah lies along the shore of Ghazala Bay and is a collection of campsites, hotels, restaurants, shops, dive-centres and bars, dotted with palm trees. It is here that you'll experience the Bohemian feel that makes Dahab so special. The evenings provide a perfect opportunity to try out some of the many wonderful restaurants and seafood.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab (B).

DAY 11 / DAHAB, SNORKELLING AT THE BLUE HOLE, SUNSET CAMEL RIDE

Today we travel a short way out of Dahab, and go snorkelling at the famous Blue Hole, an 80m-deep, reef lined pool (equipment included). Here we spend time relaxing and exploring the wonders of the Red Sea. The clear blue waters are home to myriad marine life including many varieties of colourful fish and corals. After freshening up we climb aboard camels and watch the sun slowly setting as we head towards the Blue Lagoon. Here we take in the awesome views and colours of Dahab as the sun sets over the mountains. Returning to Dahab by early evening you have the

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rest of the evening free.

Overnight at hotel in Dahab.

DAY 12-13 / DAHAB, FREE DAY

You have these next two days free to explore the many delights that Dahab, and its surroundings have to offer. You can do more snorkelling, try an introductory scuba-dive, or do a full course (both bookable in advance if required) Alternatively you can relax at one of the numerous beachside restaurants, do some quad-biking in the desert, a desert jeep safari, or do a spot of sunbathing on the beach. If you wish, you can also arrange to visit Mt. Sinai & St Catherine's monastery while you are in Dahab. A full day tour to Petra in Jordan is also available (this is run by a local operator, so may not be booked in advance, but can be arranged through our local rep while you are in Dahab).

Overnight at hotel in Dahab.

DAY 12-13 EXTRA OPTIONS

Scuba diving options

Desert jeep safari option

See pages 4-6 for details

DAY 14 / DAHAB. DRIVE TO CAIRO

After a free morning for some last snorkelling or diving, we take the midday coach back through the Sinai desert, under the Suez Canal, and on to Cairo (approx. 7 hours). We arrive in the evening and check into our hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Cairo.

DAY 15 / TOUR ENDS

Our tour ends after breakfast and your day is free until we transfer you to the airport in time for your flight home.

(B).



Everything was lovely, this company should be proud of their staff.

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SMALL GROUP, PRIVATE AND TAILOR-MADE TOURS

SMALL GROUP DEPARTURES:

We have regular small group departures on this tour throughout the year. There is a minimum of 3 people required for the tour to run, but you can join as individuals or couples. Departure dates are given on our website, and on request.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES:

You can also choose to do the tour privately, following the itinerary above, but on any other date (min 2 people). We add a small supplement for these departures, and discounts are available for larger numbers. Please contact us first to check availability.

TAILOR-MADE TOURS:

This tour can also be used as a base for a private tailor-made itinerary, to be run on any dates. You can make adjustments as per your own requirements (for example, adding extra days, slightly shortening the tour, adding a scuba-diving course etc.).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OPTIONS:

Booking and paying for options:

Options are split into two types

A - Those that must be booked in advance (mainly accommodation based). Prices for these are set in GB Pounds and must be booked and paid for in advance of your arrival.

B - Those that may be arranged in Egypt (eg. hot air balloon flights, extra city tours, sound & light shows etc.). Prices for these are set in Egyptian Pounds, and they are paid for while you are in Egypt. This gives you more flexibility and means you won't lose out if you were to book an option in advance and then not do it.

A - ADVANCE BOOKING OPTIONS

These may be booked by selecting them on our online reservation form, and can also be added after you have made your booking, subject to availability at the time.

Single room supplement - Price: £110

If you have any single travellers in your party, then if you want to guarantee them a single room, then you can add this single supplement option to cover all the hotels used in the tour.

Triple rooms or extra beds are available for children to share their parents room if required. Please contact us if you have any questions about room allocations and prices for your family.

Extra days - Price: subject to party make-up

These are available on request in Cairo before and after the main tour. If you want to add extra days into the time in Aswan, Luxor, or Hurgada we can arrange this, but please request a tailor-made tour. The price includes a night in the 4 or 5-star hotel, breakfast, all taxes and transfers (single room supplements apply).

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Sleeper train upgrade - Price: see Options sheet

If you would like to upgrade your overnight train journeys from the 1st class carriage with reclining seats, to the sleeper train, we are happy to arrange this. On the sleeper train you get a private twin cabin, with seats, two fold down beds, a storage closet and sink. An airline-style dinner and breakfast are included. The sleeper train times are approx. 21.45-07.00 for Luxor-Cairo. Single cabin supplements apply.

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Al Fayoum & Valley of the Whales - Price: see Options sheet

After arriving in Cairo on the overnight train on Day 9, we give you a chance to freshen up before we take a private car/minibus or 4WD jeep to the Fayoum area, about 90 minutes drive from Cairo.

After passing through some extensively irrigated farmland, we head for the Wadi Rayan Protected Area, which surrounds a fresh-water lake in the middle of the desert, which is filled by the remaining irrigation water from the Fayoum area. There are several waterfalls here, and a bird hide which gives good views of the lakes birdlife, particularly in the winter months when the lake is an important stop for migrating water-birds. We also visit the Springs Oasis area, a rare example of an uninhabited Saharan oasis, and host to many different plants and animals, including Dorcas Gazelle, Ruppell's Sand Fox and Fennec Fox.

After a stop for a packed lunch, we then drive into the stunning desert & mountain scenery of Wadi Hitan (Valley of the Whales). This World Heritage Site is accepted as the most significant site in the world to demonstrate the evolution of whales, and we take a 2-3km walk here to see several specimens of fossilised whales of different types sitting on the surface of the sand, as well as fossilised mangroves and the remains of crab holes.

We return to Cairo in the evening where you spend the night in your hotel.

Book in advance. Pay in advance.

Luxor/Cairo flight option - Price: on request

The sleeper train timings fit in well with the tour, but if you do want to upgrade, this option provides an extra night in the hotel, all transfers, and an internal flight with Egypt Air instead of the train.

Flights are subject to availability and prices are given on request.

B - OPTIONS AVAILABLE IN EGYPT

You will receive more information on all the options available to you while you are in Egypt in the Welcome Pack we provide on your arrival, together with information on how and when to book and pay for them with your guide or our local reps.

Prices are set in Egyptian Pounds but payments may also be made with hard currency (GB Pounds, Euros, US Dollars) at our local exchange rate at the time, which is set monthly. Credit card payments are also accepted in Cairo for these payments (3% fee).

Hot air balloon flight - Price: see Options sheet

This runs early in the morning in Luxor, so that you catch the early morning sun while you float over the west bank of the Nile. The trip runs from between 5.00am and 10.00am (start times vary), with about 1 hour in the air. You do not miss out on any other activities.

There is a minimum number of people required for the trips to run, and they are also weather dependent. It is rare however that they are cancelled - if they are, a refund will be provided.

Note: Please remember to check that your travel insurance will cover hot air balloon flights. The balloon operators we suggest are fully licensed and insured - you may see cheaper options advertised locally which don't have all this cover in place.

Jeep Safari in Dahab - Price: see Options sheet

One of your free days in Dahab, you can head into the desert for a 4X4 jeep adventure. Firstly we take you to visit the impressive Coloured Canyon where we walk for around 2-3km and admire the

many coloured rocks, and worn rock formations. We then continue the bright green Ain Khudra Oasis where you can relax among the many palm and date trees, and enjoy a traditional Bedouin cooked lunch. Our next stop is the White Canyon, which also has strange rock formations but looks completely different to the coloured canyon. There is a ladder and steep path with a rope handrail at the end of the canyon so you need to be relatively fit for this trip. Finally we take you back to Dahab to relax for the evening.

Book & pay in advance OR in Dahab.

Alexandria day trip - Price: see Options sheet

Should you wish, on Day 9 you have the option of a day trip to Alexandria.

We leave Cairo early for Alexandria by air-conditioned car or mini-coach (approx. 3 hours drive there, 3-5 hours drive back, depending on the traffic in Cairo). The guided tour is flexible, but normally features the Roman amphitheatre, which has twelve semi-circular marble tiers and is in remarkably good condition; the solitary 'Pompey's Pillar', actually raised to honour the Roman emperor Diocletian; the harbour citadel of Fort Qaitbey built on the site of the Pharos, Alexandria's famous ancient lighthouse; the Catacombs of Kom al-Shoqafa, which is the largest Roman cemetery in Alexandria dating from the beginning of the Second Century AD this cemetery and displaying a unique blend of Pharaonic and Roman art. We may also visit the Al-Montazah Palace in its peaceful garden setting. The tour includes all transportation, lunch, a local English-speaking Egyptologist guide, and lasts for the full day. You should allow approx. £20 to cover entrance fees to the sites visited on the tour.

Book & pay in advance OR in Cairo.

Luxor temple at night - Price: see Options sheet

This short tour of Luxor temple in the middle of the town centre,

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runs in the early evening when the temples are beautifully lit up.

Sound & Light shows - Price: see Options sheet

These are available at the Pyramids in Cairo, Philae Temple in Aswan, and Karnak Temple in Luxor. Prices include all transfers and your entrance ticket. Please check the start time for the English language show before booking as they can be very late.

Scuba-Diving option - Price: see Options sheet

There are a wide range of PADI diving courses for divers of all ages and levels of experience you can do during your time in Dahab. Alternatively you can just try an introductory dive or two. These can all be arranged in advance or with our representatives in Dahab. Extra days can be added into your time here if required.

Further information is available on request.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- Accommodation
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers, including 24-hour airport transfer service
- Tours & guides as indicated on the itinerary
- All transport

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE OF THE TOUR:

- International airfares
- Visa costs
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks, tips, and other personal expenses
- Sleeping bag (needed for the overnight desert safari)
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATION:

This Economy level tour uses good quality tourist class hotels (approx. 3 to 4-star) in Cairo and Luxor in which all rooms have air-conditioning and en-suite bathrooms. In Cairo, subject to availability, we like to use a pyramids area hotel with a pool in the summer months, and a city centre hotel when it is cooler in the winter months.

In the hotels in Baharya, Dakhla & Kharga, we provide more basic rooms, normally en-suite but not always with air-conditioning.

Please note that for the night in the Western desert mattresses are provided, but you will need to bring a sleeping bag with you.

Hotels used on this tour (subject to availability):

Cairo :

- 1st stay - Oasis Hotel (4-star)
- 2nd stay - Zayed Hotel (3-star)

Baharya (2-star):

- Panorama Hotel, Golden Valley Hotel.

Dakhla (2-star):

- Mibirres Hotel .

Kharga (2-star):

- Al Kharga Hotel, Hamadalla Hotel .

Luxor :

- Pyramisa Isis Luxor (5-star)

Dahab (3-star):

- Oricana Hotel, Dyarna Hotel.

At certain times of the year or where circumstances & availability dictate we may need to use a different hotel from the one listed above. In this event alternative hotels will always be of a similar standard.

Please see our website for more current details of the hotels that would be used on the tour.

TRANSPORT:

This tour aims at bringing you as close to the real Egypt as possible and not cocooning you from it. To this end we use public transport wherever we feel that it meets our high standards - this includes 1st class overnight trains with large reclining seats from Luxor to Cairo, and the public tourist coach between Cairo and Dahab. We also use private air-conditioned minibuses for all the sightseeing tours and transfers. All coaches and minibuses are fitted with speed limiters. A 4x4 jeep is used for the White desert safari section where we need to go off-road.

TRANSFERS:

The tour includes a 24-hour airport meet & assist service in Cairo airport, your arrival and departure airport transfers and all other transfers.

Our representative will meet you in the immigration hall of Cairo airport, before you go through passport control. He will help you obtain your visas if required, and then take you through passport control, assist with collecting your luggage, and then take you directly to your hotel.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

In order to keep our tours flexible, and to make them accessible to as many people as possible, we do not include your international flights in the set tour itinerary or price.

However, we do hold an ATOL (UK flight sales license) and are happy to book your flights for you. If you let us know your ideal dates and departure airport, then we will be happy to provide you with some flight options that we can arrange for you. You can then choose whether to book the flights through us, or make your own arrangements. Either way, your airport arrival & departure transfers are included.

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TOUR LEADERS/GUIDES:

In order to provide the most personal service, and to make sure that you get as much out of our tours as possible, we like to keep our groups small. We therefore set the maximum number at 18 and the minimum at 4 people. You can join our group departures as an individual, couple, group of friends, or family.

For this tour we provide a fully trained, local English-speaking Egyptologist to act as your tour guide whilst you are in Cairo and Luxor.

One of our reps from Cairo will accompany you throughout the desert loop, together with a Bedouin driver & assistant who have good local knowledge of the desert and oases. Our local reps in all the towns and cities en-route are also at your service, and will be handling all the practical arrangements for the tour. We have a permanent rep in Dahab who will look after everything there for you.

Our policy at Egypt Uncovered is to use only local guides and reps in Egypt and for more details on our reasons for this please visit the 'Tour Type' page on our website.

ENTRANCE FEES:

The tour price does not include entrance fees to the tourist sites mentioned in the itinerary. You should allow around £40 per person or £20 for minors or students with an ISIC card, to cover all of the sites mentioned in the itinerary. Your guide will be happy to collect payment for all the entrance fees at the start of the tour, and pay them for you as you go along if you wish.

Camera Fees are applied at some of the sites, and these are not included in the price.

COUNTRY GUIDE:

For an in-depth overview of Egypt, please checkout the country guide pages on our website.

DATES & PRICES:

We run regular small-group departures on this tour, normally every two weeks, throughout the year. These departure dates and prices are listed on our website and on a separate dates & prices sheet available on request. We can also run the set tour itinerary privately for you on other dates, or customise it to make a tailor-made tour to fit your personal requirements.

HEALTH:

For up to date health information & vaccination requirements for Egypt we recommend that you contact your GP or a travel clinic (1st Contact travel clinic gives free advice tel. 0800 0393073).

General vaccination recommendations for Egypt include Tetanus, Typhoid, Polio and Hepatitis A.

VISAS:

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A special mention must go to our desert guide, Mohammed, who was fantastic in every respect and will remain a good friend. The desert tour

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